

The Piece N' Times

February 2017

HOSTESSES FOR 2017 <i>Call Kathy Harcourt for the Carousel Building key or to confirm that she will be able to open up herself.</i>	
JANUARY	Cindy Walton & Kathryn Bedney
FEBRUARY	Vickie Cooper & Nancy Morris
MARCH	Joyce Boekenoogen & Deena Johnston
APRIL	Cindy Jones., Bobbie May and Leslie Tietsort
MAY	Phyllis Quam & Karlene Harding
JUNE	Canadian Group
JULY	Sara Sly & Janet Sly
AUGUST	Sarah Bradburn & Georgia Thomas
SEPTEMBER	Rachel Siracuse & Dianne Bremner
OCTOBER	Jane Lehmer & Kathy Harcourt
NOVEMBER	Rosalee Burbank & Barbara Honeycutt
DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY

Board Members & Committee Chairpersons		
President	Bonny Howe	
Vice President	Dianne Bremner	
Secretary	Lorna Johnson	
Treasurer	Georgia Thomas	
Historian	Sara Sly	
Newsletter/Website Editor	Rachel Siracuse	
Program Chair		
Membership Chair	Phyllis Quam	
Hospitality Chair	Karlene Harding	
By-laws Chair	Mary Davis	
Raffle/Donation Chair	Phyllis Quam	
Special Events Chair	Joyce Boekenoogen	

FEBRUARY CALENDAR	
10	<i>Deena Johnston B-Day</i>
14	<i>Valentine Day</i>
20	<i>Guild Meeting</i>
20	<i>President's Day</i>
25	<i>Sew Day in Curlew</i>
26	<i>Cathy Korolek B-Day</i>

2017 CLASS CALENDAR	
<i>JAN-21</i>	<i>Phyllis - bargello tablerunner</i>
<i>FEB-11</i>	<i>Rae & Dianne - paper piecing</i>
<i>MAR-18</i>	<i>OPEN HOUSE</i>
<i>APR-15</i>	<i>Stephanie - curved piecing</i>
<i>MAY-06</i>	<i>Katie - tote bag</i>

NOTEWORTHY:

- Sew Day is February 25th in Curlew
- 2017 Raffle Quilt - *'Bears in the Woods'* Phyllis Quam, Organizer;
- 2017 Open House - Our Open House Tea Party will be March 18th, 2017. Georgia - Tea; Stephanie - Boutique
- There are sign-up sheets at the Outfitters for taking the guild's monthly classes as listed above.
- Nancy has the Block of the Month block; it is a floating Star in pastels and medium bright fabrics. The background fabric has been provided.
- Stephanie has the BOM block for March.
- Stephanie has the fabric for the challenge this year. The challenge projects will be voted on during the fair. The fabric is \$1.00.
- Stephanie will be organizing our February meeting program which will be our quilting auction; bring notions, patterns, fabric, tools, etc. for auctioning off.

January's Minutes

Secretary Lorna Johnson

Opening:

The meeting was open at 6:00pm by President Bonny with board members Dianne B., Georgia, Lorna and Rachel present. There were 26 members present and guests included Jess Romin and Charlotte and Dan Jackish.

Minutes:

The December meeting minutes were passed with no corrections.

Program:

Charlotte and Dan Jackisch of the Chesaw area came to do a Trunk Show of all of Charlotte's Quilting. Everyone enjoyed seeing all of the different projects that she has made from table runners and wall hangings to full size quilts.

Refreshments: After the Program the refreshments were provided by Cindy and Kathryn B.

Treasurer's Report:

Georgia reported that bills paid included \$10.00 to WA State for tax status, \$101.91 to Phyllis for raffle quilt fabric, \$11.10 to Kathy H. for the coffee tote and Christmas party supplies, \$225.00 to Curlew Civics Club for hall rental and \$24.73 for 4H supplies. Deposits were made of \$84.00 for dues and \$29.00 from Sew Day donations. The account ending balance is \$3,658.85.

Old Business:

- Phyllis brought back the extra fabrics that were donated towards the cutting of the raffle quilt. Blocks for the construction of the quilt were handed out. Phyllis asked that the guild make a donation to the church where the blocks were cut out. Cindy made a motion to give the church \$25 as a donation, motion seconded by Stephanie and motion passed.
- The April classes were moved from the 22nd to the 15th.
- The first class is this Saturday and will be a Bargello placemat/table runner by Phyllis. Discussion was held on where to sign up and there is a sign-up sheet at the Outfitters.
- Sew day for January is on the 28th at the "Old Fire Hall" in Curlew from 9am to 3pm. Those who want help with arranging their Block of the Month blocks can bring them and get ideas from Stephanie and the others attending. The February Sew Day is on the 25th in Curlew.
- The Quilt Open House and Tea is on March 18th. Georgia asked that anyone who can make petite dainties to bring can sign-up and she asked for help serving. Stephanie will be overseeing the Boutique table and asked that all items be marked with a price and that they be small saleable items. Bonny says that there is still a need for a volunteer to be in charge of the setup of the racks and hanging of the quilts. This volunteer will be called for at the next meeting.
- Lutherhaven report by Rachel is that she needs to have the money for the retreat on March 15th. She will email a list of items to bring out to those attending.
- Bonny called on volunteers to fill in the meeting Refreshments list.

New business:

- Rachel asked if there was interest in the guild for members to display their quilt work in the Tri-County Economic Development office in Colville. Discussion was held and concern was that the quilters in Colville should be asked first. It was pointed out that this office is Tri-County not just Stevens County. There was interest and Rachel will come back with more information.
- Rachel mentioned that the newsletter would be late due to her schedule.
- Stephanie brought the challenge project fabric and rules. The rule is to take this "ugly" fabric and make something pretty with no size parameters to the project.
- The February Program will be an Auction. Stephanie will organize and anyone with items to be auctioned please bring them in baggies or groupings ready to display on the tables. Money that is brought in will be for the guild.

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Committee Reports:

- Bonny told the group that we need a new Program chair and asked for volunteers. The chair sets up the Sew Days and the meeting programs.
- Hospitality: A card will be sent to Jayquetta for her family concerns and a card will be sent to Kathy Giddings, she fell and is recovering.
- Drawing of the Charm: Leslie won the draw.
- Block of the Month:
- Blocks were given to Phyllis for the December BOM.
- Nancy Morris handed out the directions for the “Lucky Star” and fabric for the background squares. She asked that the remainder fabrics be pastel colors.
- Stephanie volunteered for the February BOM.

Show ‘N Tell:

- Lorna showed her mystery quilt “Musical Ride” in rose floral, pinks and greens. She made the quilt into a comfort cover.
- Karlene also shared her mystery quilt “Musical Ride” done in browns and greens.
- Rachel brought a number of items. The first was a bag with machine embroidery and embellishments. Second was her Labyrinth quilt made in rust, black and tan fabrics. Third was a Mondo bag in black and tan print fabrics. Fourth was a machine applique wall hanging and last was a quilt that her daughter Lauren had made and Rachel finished for her.
- Georgia showed her “Around the Corner” tug boat table topper.
- Sarah B. brought two table runners in Christmas fabrics and rainbow colors made with the 90 degree technique.
- Dianne B. showed Rae’s Labyrinth quilt that was done in rust, brown and tan colors.
- Bonny shared her Labyrinth wall hanging she made in shades of pinks and purple.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

City	Store Name	Address	Phone	email or website
Chewelah	Akers United Drug	406 N Park St.	(509) 935-8441	(20% off fabric w/membership)
Colville	E-Z Knit Fabrics	Main Street	(509) 684-2644	ezknit.com
Deer Park	Ed & Jean’s Quilt Shop	837 S Main, Suite K	(509) 276-6678	edandjeansquiltshop@gmail.com
Grand Coulee	KISSed Quilts	301 Main St.	(509) 386-5715	kissedquilts.com
Grand Forks	Heart N’ Sole Quilts		(250) 442-0661	heartnsole@telus.net
Greenacres	The Quilting Heart	20419 E. First AVE	(509) 926-1425	
Newport	Cottage Quilting	52 Wakefield RD	(509) 447-0208	cottage_quilting@hotmail.com
Odessa	Quiet Crossing	4 W 1st/PO Box 206	(509) 982-2194	
Omak	Needlelyn Time	9 N Main	(509) 826-1198	needlelyntime.com
Oroville	Buena Vista Quilting	1326 HWY 7 N	(509) 486-2341	buenavistaquilting.com
Spokane	Sew E-Z Too	603 W Garland AVE	(509) 325-6644	ezknit.com
Spokane	The Quilting Bee	12117 E Mission	(509) 928-6037	quiltingbeespokane.com
Spokane Valley	Hattie’s Quilt Shop	13817 E Sprague AVE, Suite #4	(509) 279-2150	
Spokane Valley	A Heart Like Yours	9405 E Sprague AVE	(509) 924-1020	
Spokane Valley	Heartbeat Quilting	16909 E Sprague	(509) 465-0344	heartbeatquilting.com
Spokane Valley	A Quilt Cottage	17 N Bowdish	(509) 891-6624	aquiltcottage.com
Waterville	Yesteryear Quilting	107 W Locust	(509) 745-9306	

January's Program and Show & Tell...

Program with Charlotte Jackisch

Show & Tell by:

Lorna Johnson

Rachel Siracuse

Sally Godfrey

Georgia Thomas

Sarah Bradburn

Rae Salkeld

Bonny Howe



Bad Habits Quilters need to Quit

Have you heard the story about the woman that every time she makes a roast she cuts off the ends because that's the way she saw her mother cook it? The truth was the mother had too small of a cooking pan and cut the ends to accommodate.

Sewing can be like this too. You're taught or observe someone doing something and figure that's the way to do it. But there are some sewing and quilting habits that could be hindering your sewing experience. Here are 10 habits we recommend quitting:

Not organizing your fabric scraps Will you ever use fabric scraps if you can't even tell what you have? Our favorite thing is to organize scraps by colors. If you don't have them organized, you might as well throw them out because they won't be used and they're taking up precious space!

Overly criticizing your work Do you nit-pick and over analyze your stitches and points? Stop it. Seriously, just stop. You're not doing anyone any favors and especially yourself by trash talking. Why not celebrate that you actually made time to sew? Congratulate that you finished a project. Be happy that you created something that didn't exist before. That's pretty cool.

Putting water in your iron We might all be guilty of this one. Water in the iron (with the exception of distilled) can corrode your iron. Or worse, a leak could leave a spot stain on your fabric. Get a spray bottle of water to help with misting needs.

Cutting the same place on your mat Want a quick way to wear out your mat? Always cut at the same place. Mats need time to heal. Here's a little more on how to care for your mat.

Sewing over pins Sewing over a pin causes problems. Needles bend, dull, or worse—break. If you have a habit of sewing over pins because you haven't experienced issues yet, please stop now.

Not maintaining your machine Clean your machine regularly. Change the needle when you see stitch quality decrease or hear a gentle thud sound. Take your machine to the mechanic once in a while. Be good to your machine and she'll be good to you!

Not completing your projects Having too many unfinished projects is discouraging. If you find you have a project you started, but haven't returned to in years, probably you're discouraged or simply not interested. This is a great opportunity to donate your half-done project to your guild or a friend who might love a head start on a new project!

Unthreading the machine incorrectly When you change a spool color, the first thing we normally do is just pull the spool off the machine and pull the thread backwards through the tension discs. Easy? Yes. Bad for your machine? Yes. Time to break the habit and cut the thread at the spool and pull it out through the needle.

Using dull cutting tools This is a no brainer, but sometimes you just hope our rotary cutter will make it a few more squares or that the frayed fabric edges from your shears aren't that bad. Sewing is much easier with crisp edges and choosing to use high quality sharps can help alleviate a lot of frustration and save time.

Using low-quality thread and fabrics You knew this was coming! Low quality threads shed lint, break, and may not stand the test of time. Similarly, fabric quality will affect how long your quilt will last. We recommend buying the highest quality you can afford. This will make sewing and quilting much more enjoyable.

These are wonderful tips! You can find the website link below if you would like to visit the blog.

<http://www.superiorthreads.com/blog/2016/3/bad-habits-quilters-need-quit/>

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GO CRAZY ABOUT QUILTING

Next Guild Meeting February 20, 2017

Scraps of Wisdom

The month end came on me really fast. It was suddenly February and I only realized I had not done my article when it was also time to pay bills again. How do you blow a whole month and not even realize that it is passing. It has been a busy month to begin with. It is the month that I have to balance and close out the books both for myself and the church. And get ready for those pesky tax returns.

I have also been doing some sewing. Nothing better to keep the winter's blues at bay than a good project. I attended the bargello table runner/placemat class that Phyllis offered. It was fun and I learned a couple of things as well. I was motivated to complete the project and now have a set of 4 table mats and a short matching runner. I am not sure if I will keep these or pass them along as a gift, but I am leaning toward keeping them. They were done from scraps and fat quarters that I already had so they are my favorite colors.

While sorting through my blues and aqua's for the mats, I pulled out enough of the same colors for another girly gym bag. I have a good friend who lives in Philly who is having a birthday near the end of February. She does a lot of overnights to casinos where she plays poker. This would be the perfect little bag for an overnight. Two of my girls have them and they love them. Tami uses hers for a carry on for her computer and work things. It is soft

by Nancy Morris

sided and will fit into any space. I just finished it (my third one so far) and I am quite happy with it. I did learn a good lesson about inspecting the outside bag before joining it to the lining. I didn't turn this one and inspect it carefully only finding a flawed seam after it was ready to turn. Fixing it turned out to be a devil of a job, after the fact. It was getting later into the evening by the time I got to the fix and after a couple of failed tries, I finally decided it had to wait until morning when I was fresh. Finally success.

I have never been one to have to have the latest gadget. I have been quilting for thirty some years and over the years have seen some really good upgrades and some that were just ho hum. Believe it or not I did not own any clips. Just thought they were unnecessary. Well I was ordering some products on the internet (was down to my last cutting blade and it was trashed) and I needed to fill out my order to come up to \$25. So I threw in a bag of the clips. OMG! They are wonderful. I used them when I was stitching down the binding of my place mats. I used them on my bag construction where they are really great. Bags can become so bulky in places that it is difficult to get a pin through all of the pieces and held properly. Especially these Gym bags. I guess you really can teach an old dog new tricks, especially if they are not too stubborn.